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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: **Bruno LANGLOIS**

National Phase of PCT/98/01514

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**For: FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING
DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND
INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM**

Examiner: MAIER, L.

Art Unit : 1623

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 11, 2000.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a two-month extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account. No. **18-1171** the amount of **\$390.00** to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a).

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any other payment associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account **No. 18-1171**.

In this connection, the Commissioner is in particular hereby authorized to charge payment of:

- any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, and